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SUBJECT EUROPEAN TRAVEL OF STR DENT

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PASS STR FOR HEFFERON. GENEVA FOR LANDE

1. EMBASSY TRYING TO ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS ON MORNING OF MAY 30 WITH MINISTER AGRICULTURE MARCORA, TREASURY MINISTER COLOMBO, AND MINISTRY FOREIGN AFFAIRS UNDER SECRETARY BATTAGLIA. FOREIGN MINISTER RUMOR WILL BE IN BRUSSELS ATTENDING NATO MEETING ON MAY 30. WORKING LUNCH WILL BE HOSTED EITHER BY AMBASSADOR VOLPE OR GOI. EMBASSY TRYING ARRANGE AFTERNOON APPOINTMENTS WITH MINISTER FOREIGN TRADE DE MITA AND CONDINDUSTRIA OFFICIALS, BOTH OF WHOM ARE LOCATED IN SOUTHERN SUBURB OF EUR.

2. EMBASSY UNABLE FIRM UP SCHEDULE FOR JUNE 15, MINISTERS ARE OUT ON THE HUSTINGS. MOST PREFER TO BE IN THEIR
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HOME CONSTITUENCY FROM FRIDAY THROUGH MONDAY TO CAMPAIGN.

IF MINISTERIAL APPOINTMENTS IMPOSSIBLE, EMBASSY WILL, UNLESS OTHERWISE INSTRUCTED, ARRANGE APPOINTMENTS WITH APPROPRIATE UNDER SECRETARIES.

3. ISSUES LIKELY TO BE RAISED BY GOI REPS INCLUDE:

A. GENERAL REVIEW OF MTN. ANY AND ALL ASPECTS OF MTN MAY BE RAISED. ACCESS TO SUPPLIES IS ISSUE OF SPECIAL INTEREST TO GOI, WHICH CLEARLY REMEMBERS USG ACTION ON SOYBEAN AND FERROUS SCRAP.

B. ECONOMIC OUTLOOK IN US AND ELSEWHERE BECAUSE OF EFFECT ON ITALIAN EXPORTS.

C. PROBING OF USG THINKING ON ISSUES RAISED IN SECRETARY KISSINGER'S MAY 13 SPEECH. GOI EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN HOW USE WILL WANT TO APPROACH RAW MATERIALS PROBLEM AND TO RESUME PRODUCER/CONSUMER DIALOGUE.

D. POSSIBILITY OF US IMPORT RESTRICTIONS ON, OR VOLUNTARY EXPORT RESTRAINT SYSTEM FOR, FOOTWEAR. ITALIAN INDUSTRY HARD-HIT BY LOWER-COST FOREIGN COMPETITION AND VOLUME OF EXPORTS TO US HAS BEEN SHRINKING. SOME ITALIAN MANUFACTURERS HAVE SHIFTED OPERATIONS TO SPAIN.

E. COUNTERVAILING DUTIES, ESPECIALLY AS RELATED TO REGIONAL AIDS. GOI DISTURBED THAT US LEGISLATION CONTAINS NO INJURY REQUIREMENT AND THAT ENFORCEMENT OF US LEGISLATION MIGHT HAVE ADVERSE IMPACT ON LONG STANDING GOI PROGRAM, STRONGLY SUPPORTED BY ALL POLITICAL PARTIES, FOR INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF MEZZOGIORNO (SOUTH ITALY, SICILY AND SARDINIA).

F. US-EC CHEESE PROBLEM. ALTHOUGH PROBLEM NOW RESOLVED, GOI WILL WANT ASSURANCES THAT, IF NEW PROBLEMS DEVELOP, ITALIAN SPECIALITY CHEESES SUCH AS PARMEGAN, GRANA, PRCORINO AND PROVOLONI WILL NOT BE AFFECTED.

G. OUTLOOK FOR RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF AUTOMOBILES INTO US. GOI AWARE OF PIKE AMENDMENT AND OTHER RESTRICTIVE APPROACHES PROPOSED IN CONGRESS AND BY AFL/CIO AND WOULD LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LIKE CLEAR STATEMENT OF USG POLICY AND ESTIMATE OF POSSIBLE FURTHER ACTION IN THE CONGRESS.

4. CONTROL OFFICER FOR DENT VISIT IS FSO-3 PAUL L. LAASE.

5. DOES AMBASSADOR DENT ACCEPT INVITATION TO STAY AT RESIDENCE? LANDE INVITED STAY WITH LAASE.VOLPE

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